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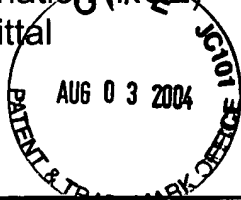
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Art Unit	2134
Examiner Name	Michael J. Simitoski
Attorney Docket Number	4541-006

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ \$110 enclosed
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant submits the following Preliminary Amendment concurrent with a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) and a request for a one-month extension of time. Enclosed is check number 12543 for \$110 to cover the requisite fee for the one-month time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the cost of filing the RCE pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 114 to Deposit Account 09/0461. If any additional fees are required or due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 09/0461.

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